

Remarks

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the outstanding objections, as detailed in Item 2, on pages 3-4 of the Office Action, pursuant to USPTO Quayle practice. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections in view of the above made amendments is respectfully requested.

The Title of the invention was amended to be more aptly descriptive of the invention covered by the elected claimed group.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that the above-referenced application would be formally allowed upon obviating the formal matters as detailed on pages 3-4 of the Official Action. Applicants have reviewed claims 9-12 in light of the Examiner's concerns and have accordingly agreed to implement the Examiner's suggested revisions. These revisions, it is submitted, are strictly of an editorially further clarifying nature. Having rendered moot any and all previously outstanding concerns directed thereto, favorable action on the now amended claims 9-12 is respectfully requested.

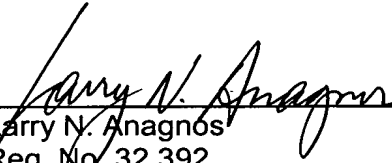
Since the formal matters raised with regard to claims 9 and 12 have been overcome, thereby rendering claims 9-12 allowable, applicants have also decided, at this time, to additionally cancel the withdrawn claims 13-29 (withdrawn as a result of an earlier Election Requirement) so as to avoid any further delay with regard to rendering the above-identified application in condition for formal allowability. Applicants, however, reserve their right to subsequently file a divisional application directed thereto.

Therefore, having obviated all previously outstanding issues, formal entry of this amendment as well as early allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37

CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Dep. Acct. No. 01-2135 (500.33045CC3), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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